MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: If that is so, I do not want to move the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Perhaps so. As the House will be meeting very shortly, probably early in January, it will be better to discuss the matter then as orders are likely to be passed before that.

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

The following resolution was not moved:

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: This Assembly recommends to the Government to abolish the export duty on cocoanuts and cocoanut products:

PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE TEMPLE ENTRY PROCLAMATION.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:

This Assembly recommends to the Government that one day in every year be declared a public holiday in consideration of the ever-lasting importance of the historic Temple Entry Proclamation.

Sir, in doing so, I am only voicing the general, I may say, the universal opinion of the country that the day on which the Temple Entry Proclamation, that great charter of liberty, was granted by our Gracious Sovereign, should be commemorated. An idea is gaining ground that a new era to be called the Sri Chitra Era be inaugurated from one end of India to the other. We are witnessing genuine demonstrations of joy and thankfulness. The Madras Assembly has, as we are all aware, passed a resolution congratulating His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore. This is the first time in the history when a representative Assembly in British India has adopted a motion in appreciation of a measure of reform promulgated by an Indian Ruler. The world is showing an ever increasing appreciation of the noble impulses and the solid achievements of our beloved Sovereign.

More than a thousand years ago, Sri Sankara carried the torch of culture, far and wide, from Kaladi to the Himalayas. The culture of India has been reared on the steel frame of the south.

We rejoice and the world rejoices that it had been given to His Highness Sri Chitra Tirunal to remove the dust of ages from the Hindu Religion and to set humanity again on its onward march of progress. The event which this resolution seeks to commemorate is grander and more far reaching than those which formed the foundation of the Kollam Era or the Vikrama Era. Here is an example of a pious Hindu Sovereign, the representative of the most ancient ruling dynasty in India, a model for others and an example for all time to come.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I do not want to interrupt the honourable member, but I may inform him that that question is under consideration. Government would be glad to know the general views of this House and it is a matter of accepted significance that there need be no elaborate debate on the matter.

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